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ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF ESIC
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any annual assessment of working of the Employees State Insurance Corporation hospitals has been made by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the standards being maintained in these hospitals particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Regional Director of ESIC has been asked to closely watch the ESIC hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): Except in Delhi and NOIDA, responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the concerned State Governments/U.T. Administrations. However the ESIC has prescribed norms/guidelines with regard to staffing and equipping of ESI hospitals. All ESI hospitals including those in Andhra Pradesh are engaged in providing services for general speciality and also the services for Cardiology, Neurology, Plastic surgery and Tuberculosis. The diagnostic facilities like Ultrasonography, auto-analyzer, tread-mill test, Computerised eye-test and Cardiac Monitoring System are available. Necessary tie-up arrangements with reputed medical institutions also exist for providing Super-speciality treatment to the insured persons. In order to facilitate that insured persons do get proper medical care, the Corporation has set up a General Purposes Sub-Committee

(GPSC) which visits ESI hospitals/dispensaries in one or two States every year. The deficiences/shortcomings in the working of these hospitals are brought to the notice of the concerned State Government for taking appropriate remedial action.

(d) and (e): Regional Directors, ESIC work in liaision with State Governments so as to ensure proper administration and maintenance of ESI institutions in the respective States. In addition, Regional Deputy Medical Commissioners have been appointed to monitor working of ESI institutions and administration of medical benefits in the concerned States.